Warden Message U.S. Embassy Asuncion June 27, 2011

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens that widespread road blockages and protests are underway throughout Paraguay. Municipalities and mayors' offices are protesting the distribution of funds from the Itaipu and Yaycreta dams. Major routes and bridges will likely be blocked intermittently. U.S. citizens should anticipate congestion and longer travel times. These demonstrations are expected to continue throughout the day.

U.S. citizens are again urged to avoid all large gatherings or any other event where crowds have congregated to demonstrate or protest. While demonstrations and protests are generally peaceful in Paraguay, they can easily turn violent. If you find yourself near a demonstration or protest, immediately depart the area.

American citizens in Paraguay are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion through the <u>State Department's travel registration website</u>. U.S. Embassy Asuncion contact information:

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Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's, <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs' website</u>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review "<u>A Safe Trip Abroad</u>," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.